

Hawley Township Minutes

Location: 405 6th St. Hawley

Date: January 2, 2018

Chairman Rick Weaver opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

Present: Chairman Rick Weaver, Supervisor Dennis Olsen, Supervisor Everett Nelson, Treasurer Kathleen Pettis-Smith, Clerk Barb Gilson, Chad and Claudia Murray, Betty Thomson, Bev and Bill Henning, Paul and Ann Jean Wibe, Larry Henry, Dan Farnsworth and Jon Pauna.

Public Comment: Chairman Rick Weaver opened the comment period with Dan Farnsworth and then Jon Pauna.

1. Dan Farnsworth was there to answer questions pertaining to the proposed Heartland Trail and to see what the future plans were for 12th Ave South.
2. Jon Pauna, representing Moore Engineering, handed out survey maps to the board and to the public. He answered questions regarding the Bison Ridge Subdivision access road. He started with 12th Ave south from Mr. Reading's property west to 190th Street South. Paul Wibe offered photos of the creek in spring. Rick Weaver voiced concerns regarding the proximity of the road to Thomson's. Dave Overbo, the Clay County Engineer, told Moore Engineering that they would prefer a 24' road top with 66' for ditches where there was room.

Next they discussed the other option of joining the road with the cul-de-sac in the Boutan Addition on 7th Ave. Moore Engineering had surveyed the area but said geo testing would need to be done because of the grade and possible water issue. It was pointed out that going that route would require an 800-1000 foot road in comparison to 3000 feet to 190th St South. The Wibe's and Murrays both stated that although they weren't happy with needing a road in the first place, they preferred the one hooking up with the Boutan Addition. Rick Weaver said if that happened, 12th Ave south would become a private drive from 190th St to Mr. Reading's property. Everett Nelson mentioned that Mr. Reading planned on a total of 48 homes and that hooking up to the Boutan Addition made sense. It was also mentioned that if the road was to be paid by special assessment, it would be easier to show who benefited most from the road.

Mr. Pauna said the next step would be funding. The town would need to decide if the township was paying or special assessment. If special assessments, the township would need to follow Minnesota Statutes.

Probable cost of the project was \$263,100.00. There would be extra costs – Engineering Fees of approximately \$27,500.00, Special Assessment route an additional \$6000.00 and the cost of land easements from property owners.

Bill Henning asked where was the benefit to the township for all of the cost.

Pauna said a technical report with ground boring would be necessary to determine the feasibility of building the road up to the cul-de-sac and the cost would be between \$5000.00 and \$10,000.00

Everett Nelson made the motion to get quotes for the geo-testing to the cul-de-sac in the Boutan Subdivision and that a special meeting would be held when finished, Dennis Olsen second, motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's Report: Everett Nelson moved to approve, Dennis Olsen second, motion carried unanimously.

Treasure's Report: Everett Nelson made the motion to approve, second Dennis Olsen, motion carried unanimously.

Building Permits: None

Presentation of Bills:

1. Hawley Accounting	Taxes and W2's	\$156.00	Check# 2275
2. City of Hawley	Quarterly HERT Payment	\$ 798.00	Check# 2276
3. Victor Lundeen Co.	Township Forms	\$ 85.63	Check# 2277
4. Hawley Old Timers	Storage& Rent 2 Meetings	\$145.00	Check# 2278
5. Kathleen Pettis-Smith	Wage Correction	\$30.00	Check#2279

Everett Nelson moved to approve the bills, second Dennis Olsen, motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

1. Christmas and services offered card from Sellin Brother, Inc.
2. Minnesota LTAP magazine.

Old Business:

General Business: None

Roads and Bridges:

1. Ray Reading and his attorney didn't show up so there was no discussion regarding his road completion.
2. The survey was discussed in public comments.
3. Because of the weather, Dennis Olsen would contact Fisher Tree Service in the spring.

Fire and HERT: Everett Nelson said the City of Hawley wanted the split of 55/45 for building the Fire Hall. All 6 townships at the meeting said they would only participate if the cost was split equally.

Landfill: None

Weed and Gopher: None

Other Old Business: None

New Business:

General Business: None

Roads and Bridges: None

Fire and HERT: None

Landfill: None

Weeds and Gopher: None

Mail in Voting: The clerk questioned whether the option of mail in voting had to be on the voting ballot for the March Election. The board explained to the public why this was being considered (cost, difficulty finding workers) and said it would be on the March Meeting Agenda.

Dennis Olsen moved to send Everett Nelson to the January 26 Clay County Intergovernmental Retreat, Rick Weaver second, motion carried.

Other Old Business: None

Adjournment: Everett Nelson moved to adjourn at 8:25 pm, Dennis Olsen second, motion carried unanimously.

Rick Weaver, Chairman

Everett Nelson, Vice Chairman

Barb Gilson, Clerk
